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SUBJECT: AMERICAN NEWS AND COMMENT

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THURSDAY MORNING PAPERS FRONTPAGE KISSINGER TO MEET THO NEXT MONTH; ALSO AGNEW CONFIRMS HIS FAITH IN NIXON RE WATERGATE. INSIDE SOME HAVE BRIEF ITEMS ON RUSH. COMMENT IS SCATTERED.

1 A. WASHPOST INSIDE HAS SOVIETS CALL UP JEWISH SCIENTIST FOR MILITARY SERVICE; ALSO CAIRO, EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS DENY ANY KNOWLEDGE OF AN ITALIAN PEACE PLAN; PLUS BRIEF REPORTING APPOINTMENT OF 35- MEMBER UN COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND WAYS TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND ITS CAUSES. NY-TIMES HAS BEIRUT, LEBANESE CABINET PICKED TO AID STABILITY AFTER ISRAELI RAID; ALSO HAS KARACHI BRIEF REPORTING RESTORATION OF PAKISTAN RELATIONS WITH IRAQ.

1 B. WASHPOST HAS NEW DELHI SPECIAL, INDIA CLAIMS PAKISTAN
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IS BLOWING HOT AND COLD ONPOW OFFER, SEEKING FAVORABLE WORLD OPINION WHILE IN FACT REFUSING OFFER. BALTSUN HAS TWO NEW DELHI STORIES: WOODRUFF, MRS. GANDHI LEARNS HER ELECTORAL SUCCESS AFTER BANGLADESH WAS FLEETING; SPECIAL REPORTING INDIA'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN AT VIRTUAL STANDSTILL FOR LAST TWO YEARS.

2. RUSH. NYTIMES HEADS KARACHI SPECIAL, TWO US AIDES IN PAKISTAN, BUT ITEM MENTIONS ONLY RUSH AS ARRIVING IN ISLAMABAD FROM TEHERAN FOR A TWO- DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO PAKISTAN.

2 A. WASHPOST HAS ROUNDUP ITEM HEADED, RUSH STATEMENT, WHICH REPORTS RUSH SAID US WOULD NOT BE BLACKMAILED INTO CHANGING ITS MIDDLE EAST POLICY, INCLUDING SUPPORT OF ISRAEL, BY ARAB THREATS TO CUT OFF OIL SUPPLIES, STORY ADDING THAT RUSH AND SISCO ARE ON AN EXTENDED TOUR TO CONFER WITH ASIAN LEADERS.

2 B. WEDNESDAY LATIMES MORRIS HELSINKI REPORTED RUSSIA STIRRED APPREHENSION AT SECURITY TALKS BEFORE EASTER RECESS WHEN ZORIN BLITHELY EXPRESSED HOPE AMBASSADORS WOULD BE ABLE TO ELIMINATE THREE SUBJECTS FROM SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS: FAMILY REUNIFICATIONACROSS FRONTIERS, COMPARABLE MARRIAGES, AND WHOLE QUESTION OF TRAVEL IN AND BETWEEN CSCE COUNTRIES. MORRIS CITES ONE WESTERN DELEGATION CHIEF WHO THINKS SOVIETS ARE READY FOR MORE POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION THAN PREVIOUSLY; MORRIS THEN SAYS: BUT RUSH SAID RECENTLY HE VIEWED WITH SOME CONCERN SOVIET UNION'S RELUCTANCE TO COMMIT ITSELF ON QUESTION OF FREER EXCHANGES OF PEOPLE, IDEAS AND INFORMATION.

3. COMMENT. NYTIMES EDITORIAL SAYS DECISION TO SEND VIET NEGOTIATORS BACK TO PARIS TO TRY TO SALVAGE THE CRUMBLING PEACE ACCORDS MARKS A WELCOME SHIFT FROM RECENT RECRIMINATIONS AND THREATS.

3 A. WASHPOST EDITORIALIZES ON POW OFFER AS A HOPEFUL UNCLASSIFIED

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MOVE IN SOUTH ASIA, SAYING INDIA AND PAKISTAN HAVE MOVED A SIGNIFICANT DISTANCE SINCE THE SIMLA MEETING LAST JULY-- NOT BY AMERICAN PRODDING, IT MIGHT BE NOTED, BUT IN RESPONSE TO THEIR OWN SENSE OF WHAT IS NECESSARY AND RIGHT.

3 B. MONDAY NYPOST CALLED UNSC RESOLUTION ON MIDEAST VIOLENCE A WHITEWASH FOR TERRORISM, SAYING DECLARATION

MAY HAVE TRAGIC EFFECT ON REDUCING UN' S POTENTIAL
EFFECTIVENESS IN PEACE KEEPING EFFORTS IN REGION. TUESDAY
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